DATES and PLACES

GREAT FALLS

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2009

Best Western Heritage Inn

1700 Fox Farm Road (406) 761-1900

BILLINGS

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 4, 2009

Crowne Plaza Hotel

27 North 27th Street

(406) 252-7400

MISSOULA

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 11, 2009

Holiday Inn Downtown at the Park

200 South Pattee Street

(406) 721-8550

The CDBG Program will be presenting an additional workshop from 8:30 to 5:00 on:

February 17, Best Western Heritage Inn, **Great Falls**

March 3, Crowne Plaza Hotel, Billings

March 5, Dawson County Courthouse, Glendive

March 10, Holiday Inn Downtown at the Park, Missoula

These workshops will include an indepth presentation on the CDBG public facilities application in the morning and a presentation on the Neighborhood Stabilization Program in the afternoon.

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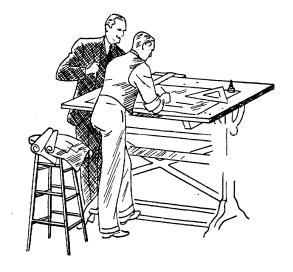
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Montana's Department of Commerce, Department of Environmental Quality, and the Department of Natural Resources and Conservation, along with the U.S. Department of Agriculture are co-sponsoring an infrastructure planning and financing workshop:

"Planning For Infrastructure Improvements"

W2ASACT Funding Workshop Spring 2009



Does your community have problems related to your drinking water or sanitary sewer systems and you are thinking that maybe you will need to tackle an infrastructure project within the next few years?

If the answer is yes, you should plan to attend one of the one-day workshops that will provide you with information about what goes into getting a project completed, the timelines involved, the technical assistance available to help guide you, and the various public infrastructure funding programs available to help finance the project.

This workshop is especially intended for those of you who may not be familiar with what is involved in getting a project constructed or that are unfamiliar with the grant and loan programs available to finance infrastructure projects.

Engineers and recently elected public officials that have never been to these workshops are especially encouraged to attend.

Questions?

Call the Department of Commerce at (406) 841-2770

Reasonable modifications for persons with disabilities will be made who wish to participate in this workshop. Please advise us of the nature of the accommodation that you need at least one week prior to the workshop.

AGENDA

8:30 a.m. Overview, Introductions and "Planning" Video

9:00 a.m. We've Got a Problem...Now What?

10:00 a.m. Break

10:15 a.m. Grant and Loan Programs

- ➤ INTERCAP Program Loans
- ➤ State Revolving Fund (SRF) Loan Programs – Loans
- ➤ Rural Development (RD) Water and Environmental Programs -- Grants and Loans

11:15 a.m. Technical Assistance and Obtaining Planning Funds

12:00 a.m. Lunch (on your own)

1:30 p.m. Funding Programs cont.

- ➤ Renewable Resource Grant and Loan (RRGL) Program -- Grants and Loans
- ➤ Treasure State Endowment Program (TSEP) -- Grants

2:15 p.m. Challenges and Opportunities – A
Case Study

3:00 p.m. Break

3:15 p.m. "Funding" Video

3:30 p.m. Funding Programs cont.

- ➤ Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program –Grants
- ➤ Other Funding Sources

4:15 p.m. Wrap up - Legislature, Other Issues, and Questions

4:30 p.m. Adjourn

Representatives from each of the major state and federal programs that fund infrastructure improvements will discuss their specific requirements. They will also be available to provide you with the opportunity to talk one-on-one about your specific projects and funding needs.

The following funding programs will be providing information at the workshops:

- ♦ Board of Investments **INTERCAP**
- ◆ Department of Commerce –
 Community Development Block
 Grant (CDBG) Program and the
 Treasure State Endowment Program
 (TSEP)
- ◆ Department of Environmental Quality
 State Revolving Fund (SRF) Loan
 Programs (Water and Wastewater)
- ◆ Department of Natural Resources and Conservation – Renewable Resource Grant and Loan (RRGL) Program
- ◆ U.S. Department of Agriculture Rural Development (RD), Water and Environmental Programs

The workshops are free and Pre-registration is not required.